

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~--Fig. 18 provides~~ Figs. 18a and 18b provide a plan and end view of a distribution insert for use within applicators;—

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 33, and ending on page 10, line with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The rod 20 includes a stop means in the form of a nut 26 at its distal end. A gripping member 34 is slidably mounted on the rod 20 within the passage 24, the gripping member 34 being in the form of a tube having a partially closed end 36, the partially closed end 36 defining an aperture through which the rod 20 is removable. The nut 26 is located on the distal side of the closed end 36 and is larger in diameter than the aperture in the end 36. The gripping member 34 is ~~telescopic ally~~ telescopically mounted within the handle passage 24. The gripping member extends outwardly beyond the handle 22 to form a gripping portion 30 including a lateral extension 32 which extends laterally beyond the handle 22. The lateral extension 32 has a planar surface 38 perpendicular to the longitudinal axis, forming a base on which the tool may stand upright. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 31, and ending on page 11, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--As shown in Fig. 2, the head 12 includes a hood 70 and includes side plates 78 rotatably mounting the roller 72. The hood 70 has a concave internal surface 76 of larger radius than the roller surface 74. The surfaces 74 and 76 are not concentric, and flow regulation means are provided in the form of a gap 66 defined between the concave internal surface 76 of the hood and the roller surface 74 about the passages 60. Regulation is provided by the narrowness of the gap 66 in relation to the viscosity of the paint and roller displacement under compression in contact with the surface to be painted.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figs. 2 and 3 show the roller mounting means. The hood 70 includes spaced opposed side plates 78 between which the roller 72 is mounted between apertures 98 in each plate 78. A stub axle pin 80 extends through each aperture 98 in each plate 78. A stub axle pin 80 extends through each aperture 98 into the roller 72. The pin 80 has a head 82 provided with a slot 84 allowing rotational adjustment with a tool such as a screwdriver. The pin 80 has a body 96 including a circumferential slot-84 groove 88 engageable with a removable slotted plate 86. The slot-84 groove 88 is located in use on the inside of the hood side plate 78. The body of the pin 96 defines a longitudinal axis 92. The pin body 96 extends inwardly to an off-set portion 90 having an axis 94. The roller 72 is mounted on the off-set portion 90.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 25, and ending on page 12, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-An applicator in accordance with the present invention may be filled with paint by unscrewing head end cap 13 from the cylindrical wall 14. The plunger head 19 is moved away from the applicator head 12 to abut against the handle end cap 11 by the operator gripping the gripping portion 32 30 and moving the gripping portion 32 30 away from the head 12. The gripping portion 32 30 moves until the partially closed end 36 of the gripping member 34 engages the end nut 26 of the rod 20. The operator continues to move the gripping portion 30 away from the head 12 and the plunger 18 is moved until stopped by the end cap 11. The compartment 16 is then filled with paint and the end cap 13 replaced. Conveniently, the tool may be stood upright during filling on the base formed by the planar surface 38.--